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PEAKS ISLAND TIMES

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July, 1977

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A clever person is one who puts his problems away for a brainy day.

OLD PORT FEST A GREAT SUCCESS

If you were lucky enough to be in the Old Port District on the 18th and 19th of June, you would have witnessed one of the most colorful spectacles ever to happen in the area.

The Old Port Street Festival which happens annually, is a time when local and state-wide craftspeople and venders have a chance to display their wares.

Sections of Fore, Middle, and Exchange Streets were closed to traffic during the two-day event. A crowd of more than 2,000 people filled the streets to view the crafts, listen to the music, or just stroll around and visit the large variety of attractions, such as Ram Island Dance Company, Co-Opera (a local organization of opera singers and supporters), theater groups, plays and mime demonstrations.

The luck of the weather stayed on our side for Sundays events, which featured mostly music. the

craftspeople and venders kept their shops open regardless of the many dark clouds overhead, the crowd was not as large as Saturday's, but it was still very exciting, with individual musicians performing on the sidewalks, or wherever they happened to be standing.

Later in the day, in the Canal Plaza, a stage was set up and four very talented musicians called the Boston Art Ensemble (formerly the Boston Jazz Ensemble) per-

formed for part of the afternoon and drew an expected large crowd. For the rest of the afternoon on the same stage was an event called a "hoot"! This is where anyone in the area or the audience can get up on stage with their musical instrument and perform (or jam) with everyone else. While a half dozen or so frisbees were flying over the fountain behind the audience, a fiddler and three acoustic guitar players finished off the daylight hours by getting the crowd up on their feet and dancing to some very moving country and bluegrass ballads.

I would like to end by giving special thanks to Ed Jordan, Rorey, and the Old Port Assn. for making it all happen very successful for the many folks that attended. I'm sure that there are few people who really know how much work goes into organizing and coordinating such an event. We seriously hope the fifth annual will be an easier task for all.

Gary Chapman



EDITORIALS

We all love and have deep regard for our beautiful island.
Let us always keep it clean and natural!

As an artist and writer in residence and native, I have often thought that Peaks Island, our lovely island home, should be known to all new-comers as a friendly island.

Kind and ever considerate of others are the fine and many people who populate this part of our unique, "Portland by the Sea".

It is here and here alone, that one is always thought of by people most all times, as truly individual, not merely one aside from the collective, plastic, society in which we now find ourselves.

You are greeted daily with many warm hellos, whether you chance to be on the picturesque backshore, down front, or riding topside on the ferry.

A sincere welcome is always there for you, though you be native, stranger, or casual visitor to the island.

We want you to know, that you, are the kind of people, Peaks Island wants and is justly proud of.

Having stated all this, now let us make a concentrated effort to rightfully live up to this worthwhile challenge and not in any careless way destroy or clutter our living with unsightly garbage, or any of the many forms of senseless littering.

The many fine things that make for beauty and good living on this island, should be the daily responsibility of each of us residing here. By always working together with constant alertness and thought for others, will make this goal possible.

We know that you treasure the way of life on our island, and daily enjoy the natural beauty of our sea-washed shores.

We also know that you, as an alert citizen, will help by doing your part to make this a cleaner as well as safe place to live and vacation.

" THINK CLEANLINESS NOT LITTER "

Ansel Sterling

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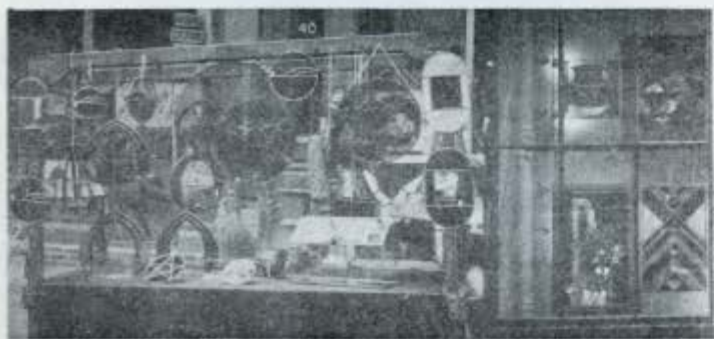
We regret the loss of our good friend, Albert H. Balcom, who passed away Feb. 13, 1977. He and his wife were married Aug. 10, 1925 - 52 years.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

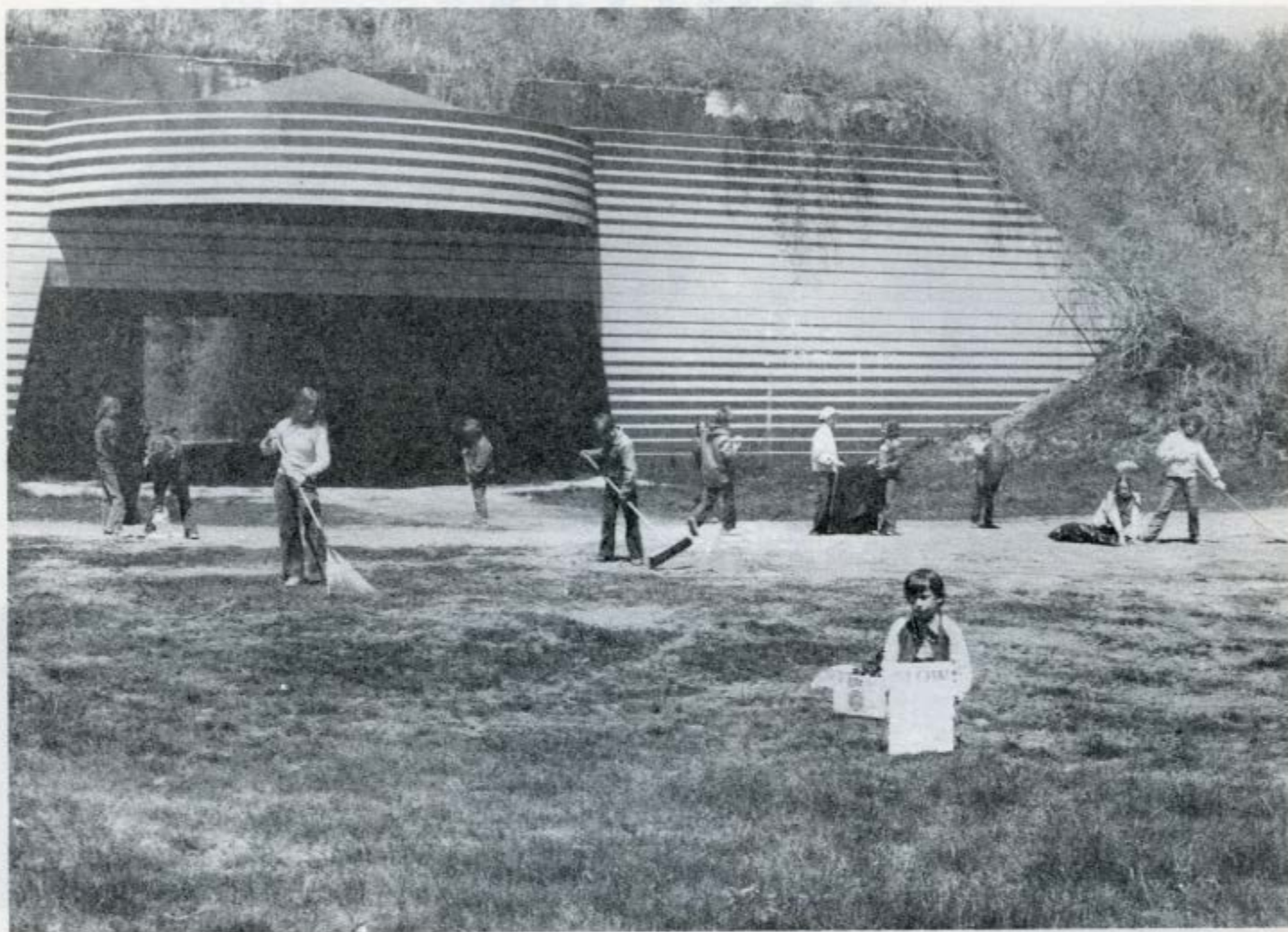
THIS TREE

It has lived through the winter
It stood when its signs of life were gone - roots deep in the ground.
It stood still waited, not dead but alive.
Storms blew, the tree stood.
It fed secretly all winter, the waters bathed and kept it.
In time, buds crept to its edges slowly, unnoticed.
Suddenly the tiniest of leaves were there.
Color returned with new promise of full loveliness.
In season, the tree was filled with green life rustling and present refreshed and renewed shelter and shade for its friends - a home again.
The tree will not live forever in its present form.
It will die to the earth into another life cycle, not lost but into another life
A creature of seasons, it stands
it feeds
it waits,
and when the time is come to show its life again this tree can be counted on.

FESTIVAL CONT.



The World Affairs Council Of Maine



As kids clean up their favorite play area, Battery Steele, there are as many opinions about what should go on there as there are people on Peaks Island.

The new World Affairs Council of Maine, which owns Battery Steele and pays its taxes to the city, is eager to take the Peaks Island community in as participants for the future. Therefore, the following questionnaire has been prepared:

WHAT DO YOU WANT AT BATTERY STEELE?

As idea stimulators, the following are topics discussed from time to time. Your opinion will be helpful.

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| YES NO | 1. Leave it alone with no maintenance, no supervision, no one paying its taxes. | YES NO | 7. Restore it with lights, railings and add it to City Parkland as some other World War II forts have been used |
| YES NO | 2. Deed it to the City | | |
| YES NO | 3. Develop recreational uses: plays, dances, movies, picnics; exhibits, etc. | | |
| YES NO | 4. Sell it for restricted use according to submitted proposals. | | |
| YES NO | 5. Build a Youth Hostel like they have in Europe. | | |
| YES NO | 6. Use it for Energy Research where wind and sun abound | | |

Dream up your own ideas!

Clip and mail to:

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The Fifth Maine - A New Chapter

Most people who are familiar with Peaks Island will undoubtedly recall seeing or visiting a rather old yet fascinating building located on Seashore Ave. near Fee-ney's Market. Though known to most as simply "The Fifth Maine", it's full name is the "Fifth Maine Regiment Community Center". This name has many implications, both in terms of the building's richly historic past, and of it's future relationships with the community of Peaks Island. In general, the term "Community Center" denotes a multi-purpose facility available for public use on an as-needed basis. This description, though accurate, is incomplete, for the term also implicitly presumes responsive and active participation by broad segments of the community in the affairs of it's "center". It is from this more complete perspective that the building's fundamental problems and exciting potential may be viewed. While practical solutions are not easily realized, some may be seen in the light of The Fifth Maine's many historic, and a few more recent, developments.

An authoritative and very interesting historical accounting of the many faces of Peaks Island may be found in "Peaks Island As It Was", by Katherine Wallace Stewart. In her book, Ms. Stewart traces the origin of the Community Center to the Civil War period when the "Fifth Maine Infantry Volunteers" were organized to be mustered into Union service as the Fifth Maine Regiment, companies A - K, on June 24, 1861. The regiment as a unit, fought nobly in many important battles during three years, after which most surviving members of the decimated regiment continued their active service voluntarily for the duration of the war. About 22 years after the war's end in April, 1865, the veterans of the

regiment formed the Fifth Maine Regiment Memorial Society which a year later in 1888, constructed the Fifth Maine Regiment Building. Designed as a re-union and vacation site for the regiment's veterans and their families, as well as their memorial. The original building belonged to a long past era that embraced Peaks Island as somewhat of a recreational and leisure showcase of Gay - Nineties genre. In the evening at the building Ms. Stewart tells us, typically,

...there was chit-chat around the fireplace, card parties, or perhaps "sings" around the piano. Other pastimes were fishing off the rocks or from a hired rowboat; strolling down front to see the boats come in; trips to Portland for shopping or to attend the theater, perhaps Keith's or the Jefferson; and of course, on the island there were Greenwood Garden, the Gem Theater, the Majestic Skating Rink, the bowling alley, pool room, pop corn, ice cream, candy, and lunch stands, game stands, shooting gallery, balloon ascensions, many fireworks and celebration.

Today, the Community Center serves as a passive reminder of those years of a genuine, if brief, golden age fostered by unrestrained growth in the use of water-borne ferries, automobiles, trolleys, and bicycles. Comparatively, a cultural revolution has occurred since those times to change completely the style of living found on Peaks Island.

Naturally, the building and its use have undergone significant changes, as well. The original fireplace was removed, and the memorial stained-glass windows added long ago. A kitchen, not part of the original structure, was added in 1956. The building

to be moved to the lower level and expanded to include a dining hall years later. The open-space second floor was eventually partitioned into separate rooms, now fallen into disuse. Nearly all of the large collection of Civil War relics and documents have been given into the custody of the Maine State Museum for safe-keeping. As the years progressed, the veterans' ranks diminished steadily until, in 1941, the remaining group decided to close the building because of the difficulty to maintain it. The building was not reopened until 1956, when it was deeded into the trust of the Fifth Maine Regiment Community Center, specifically for the purpose of establishing a center of "social, educational, and recreational opportunities" for all Peaks Island residents. Thereupon the Community Center was reopened, rejuvenated by volunteer labor.

Although the newly-formed group did enjoy an initial burst of enthusiasm, community interest and use again waned. Presently, the Fifth Maine is entrusted to and operated by this same group of people whose willingness and

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P.I. Library Project

For a number of years, members of our island community have been looking for a more complete library service - one that would serve the total community in the same way that other neighborhoods of the city of Portland are served, year - round, with branch libraries or bookmobile service from the Portland Public Library.

In 1973, a group of island citizens formally petitioned a Mr. Chenevert, our Library Director, to implement such a form of service. At a meeting at John and Anne Paris' home with Mr. Chenevert and the Outreach Department of the library, it was agreed that the library's Neighborhood Bookmobile would make regular visits to the island. Due to low clearance under the large vehicle it was only possible to make the trip at high tide, so the library's van was substituted, loaded with heavy wooden boxes carrying about 600 books, which the staff had to load and unload seven times in one day. It has been a vital but rather irregular service for both staff and patrons for three years. It has stopped at the school, the Fifth Maine, and at the corner by the Post Office. The staff has carried books to "shut - in" readers under all kinds of driving conditions as well. The irregularity of service due to weather and the ferry strike convinced everyone last winter of a need of a more permanent facility on the island.

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NISSAN'S BAKERY
JAMES BROWN
Distributor
Peaks Island

Fifth Maine cont.

interest in civic affairs is strong, but whose resources are seriously limited. As an unfortunate result, the building and it's utility will languish in the future if it's eroded physical and cultural conditions cannot be remedied. In recent years, all of the activities held at the Fifth Maine have occurred during the summer season. Among these activities have been regular class instruction in dance and music, weekly card parties, bean suppers, fairs, film screenings sponsored by the Portland Public Library, and meetings held by groups such as the Island Citizens Association and the Casco Bay Island Development Association. Of course, a similar agenda is anticipated for this summer. Incidentally, the second seasonal meeting of the Fifth Maine Regiment Community Center will be held July 8th at 7:30 in the Center. All interested Peaks Island residents are invited to attend and for actual membership in the organization the only other requirement is a two dollar bill. Specific cultural events, to be announced later, will be discussed and scheduled, as well as the development of tangible and practical planning for the building in it's role as a Community Center. Specific information concerning activities, scheduling or membership may be found by contacting either Ms. Margaret Harmon, Seashore Avenue, or Mr. Stan Williamson Island Avenue, Peaks Island.

However, the cultural perspective of any facility purported to be truly a community center serving a fluctuating year-round community, certainly must be a great deal more comprehensive than a consideration of only incidental summertime activities would allow. The Fifth Maine building cannot provide for all the functions of a community center. Nor should it. But it is worthwhile to

note the range of possibilities which can easily be associated with the existing building. The Community Center could well provide:

- ..a large and advantageous facility for groups such as the new Peaks Island Branch of the Portland Public Library, Senior Citizens Center, Art Gallery, etc.
- ..excellent accommodations for continuous programs in arts and crafts, class instruction in dance and music.
- ..a theater for movies or lecture series.
- ..a large hall and deck area for receptions and suppers organized by various groups.
- ..a cafe' designed for flexible use, and preparation of meals for the Meals on Wheels Program.
- ..flexible accommodations for meetings and gatherings.

Uses of other kinds perhaps can be realized for the center, limited by the imagination of it's parent community as well as by the extent of it's resources.

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FIFTH MAINE CONT.

Fortunately, a recent effort to nominate the building to the National Register of Historic Places, is presently meeting with success. Barring unforeseen problems, national recognition will occur this summer, indicating the possibility of securing an Historic Preservation grant of money in order to help finance the refurbishment of the building. Furthermore, the City of Portland has made informal indications of its willingness to explore a partial reallocation of previously designated Community Development Program money for this purpose as well. This recent development is very promising, as it would order the solicitation of island resident viewpoints on the issue, make far more effective use of a certain amount of money previously specified for a new facility, and the achievement to a significant degree of island-oriented goals ranging from those of Public Safety to Public Library. Hopefully, this year will witness the writing of a new chapter in the history of the Fifth Maine, a chapter that will reveal an added dimension to the term Community Center.

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P.I. Music Assoc.

Last summer's program of three musical evenings worked out so well that we are planning a similar set-up for the 1977 season.

The first meeting, July 6, at 8:00, will be a planning meeting, with anyone considering membership invited. Mary Jacquith will be happy to receive dues. In addition to the business, Gretchen Hall will present a paper published in The Hymn, entitled "Ignoring Fences in Hymn Singing."

The July 20th musical will be a Stephen Foster festival. Lee Belban, Elizabeth Harmon of the Portland Choral Arts Society, and Gretchen Hall are planning this. Lee Belban would like to hear from anyone interested either in soft shoe to a Foster tune, or in being part of a group to present Stephen Foster vocal harmony.

Save August 3rd and 17th for the other musicals of the summer. They will be at 8:00 in the evening at the Fifth Maine Regiment Bldg., and are for the enjoyment of everyone who is lucky enough to be on the island when these musicals come around.

Gretchen Hall

Don Schei

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BATTERY STEELE OUTING

On Sunday, July 10th, a Kentucky Fried Chicken outing will be held at Battery Steele, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Special guest will be Jason Mayes, Executive Director of the Southern Maine Indian Association, who will describe his organization and tell about the early days of indian life on the Casco Bay islands. Mayes is a member of the Cherokee tribe.

Sponsored by the Casco Bay Island Development Assoc. for members and guests, the event is open to the first 100 who obtain tickets either in advance or at the gate.

Home-made desserts will be featured in addition to the well known Col. Sanders fare, and coffee and lemonade will be provided. Tickets are available from any member of the Membership and Program Committee, Mrs. John R. Johnson, Chairperson-766-2562

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LIBRARY PLANS CONT.

Throughout the winter months a proposal for specific funding from the Community Development of the city public works budget, was written and presented to the City Manager and City Council. The Senior Citizens, with Ruth Woodbury in charge, wrote a proposal and received funding for a senior citizen position for twenty hours a week to staff a regular library facility, and the Board of the Casco Bay Art Assoc. tentatively approved sharing their Gallery as a place for the library. It was seen as an ideal location for all segments of the community Senior Citizens, Junior and Senior High School students and all islanders no matter what profession or position. It will also be a good location for servicing from the Portland Public Library.

The City Council voted \$4000. of the Community Development Act money to fund this proposal for the first year. Delays in working out heating details have postponed getting underway, but it is hoped that by summer's end the Portland Public Library will have a real, but small branch on Peaks Island.

Summer recreational services will continue this summer with regular van service from the Outreach Dept. Two dates in July and August and one in September have been scheduled:

July 7 and July 21
August 4 and August 18
September 1

Stops are planned each time at:
Peaks Isl. School - 9:30-10:30
"Fifth Maine" - 10:45-Noon
Art Gallery - 1:00-1:45

Films will be shown at the Fifth on July 21 and Aug. 18. Special requests can be made by calling the Outreach Dept. of the library, (773-4761) several days in advance of the van visits.

Marianna Rowe

Judy McDermott

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My Victorian Home

My first reaction to the old Morey house was a feeling of utter disbelief. Why would any one construct a building on such a steep ledge? The old mustached carpenters knew well the secrets of fine masonry, and only the lovely brick chimney kept the old structure from sliding down the hill. Yet, there I stood down the hill, looking up, a young man from Michigan, a very flat part of the country. Peaks Island was very different; a North Atlantic island filled with beautiful forest and rugged shale. And upon this rock and surrounded by huge trees, I have created my victorian cottage.

For several years my pre-occupation and business was the restoration and repair of antique time pieces. Sure enough my appreciation for balance and harmony extended into Victorian Art Glass, glass in harmony with nature; unique design and craftsmanship achieved by turn of the century artisans.

I lived with hydraulic jacks and spent the summer of 76 raising the entire structure, nearly living in the cellar.

I felt my efforts would be worthwhile. How could all the art glass windows, 4 porches (to be), walls, roofs, dormers, and floors, ever be built

square unless the main structure was again brought level? Firstly, facing the Atlantic I integrated a victorian fan window entirely made with cut crystal and bursting up like the evening sunset. Every evening my open beams and fireplace front are filled with rainbows and sparkles of scattered sunshine. The morning sun spreads a crayola set of colors across my library and the huge brass chandelier which once graced the vaulted ceiling in the Bank of Saginaw 1883. The huge 10 foot morning windows once towered atop the highest point in Saginaw's elegant old courthouse which fell to a modern building in that mid-west city.

I built this incredible window in the south wall of the kitchen. Eleven hundred pieces of cut glass floating in crystal, and the finest window I have ever searched out of antiquity. It splashed hundreds of lovely smiles across many a festive feast and continues, now, its lovely presence in my island home.

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Such a dandy fancy yesterday this island must have been, and perhaps my single creation will recreate a pleasant

memory lane.

John Zemanek



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ISLANDER "SHIPS" ON SCHOONER

It's the dream of every person who felt excitement at the sight of a wind filled sail. to sail on a windjammer schooner.

Last May, Rick Callow, Sonny Sargent, and Roger Emerton sailed on the schooner Gazela Priemero which was docked in Portland for the winter. The ship was on a cruise to Virginia and then to its berth at the Philadelphia Marine Museum. While the ship was in New Bedford, Captian Stephen Cobb recommended Rick Callow for a job as crew member on the famous Victory Chimes, a three masted schooner that takes windjammer cruises out of Rockland, Maine. It's been a long time since any islander sailed the schooners. We are all happy and (to say the least) envious of Ricks adventure.

Michael La...

The P.I. Sewerage Study

A public meeting will be held malfunctioning. July 26 at 7:00 at the Fifth Maine, where those of us concerned can learn the future prospects of the Peaks Island sewer. Since the meetings last summer the E.C. Jordan Company of Portland has been carrying on studies of the present situation that have resulted in the following findings:

Peaks Island has a municipal collection system serving about 50% of the year-round population of the Island. Along with private pipes the municipal system discharges untreated wastes into Portland Harbor. This is illegal. But in the light of scarcity of funds municipalities are not being fined for violations, especially if there is a planning program in progress.

There are also a number of septic systems or private

Densities, lot sizes and soil conditions make individual septic systems questionable as there are many that couldn't conform to the Maine State Plumbing Code.

Transportation of island wastewater by pipelines to Portland is prohibitively expensive. Centralized treatment on Peaks Island is the viable alternative.

This planning process is necessary if Portland is to receive any federal funds for construction. Upon State DEP approval the Federal government (EPA) will fund 75% of the capital costs, including fixing up poor pipes, construction of major (interceptor) lines, pumping stations and treatment plants; 15% of funds

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P.I. SEWERAGE STUDY CONT.

will come from the State and 10% from the city. Any collector sewer extensions would have to be financed by the city or through community development or FHA funds. Operation and maintenance of the system will have to be paid for by the user.

At the July 26 meeting, the following issues will be discussed, prior to decisions to be made by the City Council:

- type of treatment
- location of treatment plant
- agency to administer and manage it
- means of assessing local share of capital expenses, collector lines and user charges.

We have been promised that no PWD user fees will be assessed Peaks Island residents until the island sewer system is within sight of conforming to DEP standards.

The report, maps, and tables showing costs for all alternatives will be available to island residents by the first week in July. Gretchen Hall on Peaks Island or Esther Lacognata at the Greater Portland Council of Governments, 774-9891, will be pleased to answer your questions or receive your comments.

Gretchen Hall

The Porthole

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day dangers. One pal in Zambia related her personal terrors after recent outbreaks there and announced her plans to return to England with her teen aged daughters. "It simply is no longer safe for us to remain", she wrote and Peg released a sigh of relief when she read that. But she is still troubled about her older Rhodesian writer-friend who helped her husband clear, settle and farm the land which they have nourished for half a century. Although they had their holdings legally designated as a 'bird sanctuary' with hunting of fowls and small animals prohibited inside its



Peg has accumulated some 37 foreign penpals who share her enthusiasm for armchair flights to far off places and keep the letters bouncing back and forth regularly.

The gradually acquired knowledge of each correspondent's locale, climatic conditions, political situations, household woes and wares, social doings and hobbies make her daily newspaper an open book. Every page speaks to her of some spot she has 'visited' and current headlined happenings keep her glued to radio and TV news commentaries. Some of the reports are delightful as she learns of new progressive steps abroad. Others fill her with trepidation and concern in case her friends should fall victim to present

boundaries, they too tremble at their situation but feel they are simply too old to consider relocation. So Peg anticipates their monthly messages with equal portions of joy and fear.

A Lewiston, Maine native, she relocated in Chicago some 30 years ago, spending most of that time working at the Time magazine building in their bookkeeping department--later moving into computerization. "A decade ago I began planting seeds for my retirement years so that when this step came I could walk into a garden of interesting activities rather than a desert of empty days," she confides. "I found most of my penpals through an Englishman who makes a business of forming friendships for letter writers. I joined his group." cont. p.13

CHURCH EVENTS

Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church

A report on the Maine United Methodist Annual Conference, was held at the University of Maine Campus, Farmington, Maine, from June 14th through June 17, 1977. Mrs. Catherine Casey was Lay Delegate from Brackett Memorial U.M.C.

Committee on sessions for the annual conference tried a new procedure this year. Conference members, both Lay and Clergy were divided up into legislative groups and each group was assigned portions of matters coming before the General Session, for discussion and voting. This saved much time, spent in the past, with debate from the floor.

One of the more memorable portions of the conference was held on Thursday afternoon, prior to the banquet and Ordination Service. This was a service of recognition for retiring ministers, one of whom was Rev. Robert Burton, who at one time was pastor of our church here.

Rev. John Neff, also our pastor some years back, is Chairman of the Division of Ministry. He presented the fine young people who were ordained. One young man was ordained to Deacon, and the balance were ordained Elders.

Bishop Carroll read the appointments, and it was confirmed that Rev. Henry W. Huddleston Jr. would be coming to Brackett Memorial U.M.C. and Rev. Michael Davis would be going to the Presque Isle Methodist Church.

by Catherine Casey

The women of the church held their last meeting of the summer on June 13th and made plans for the three main events of the summer -- the Thrift Shop opening Saturday, June 18th at 11:00 am; the Pot Luck Supper to welcome the new minister on Saturday, June 25th, at 6:00pm in the Memorial Hall; and their summer fair on Saturday, July 23rd.

The Church School has closed for the summer, but will resume classes in September. The M.Y.F. has stopped regular meetings but will get together occasionally.

While there was a feeling of sadness in saying farewell to Mike and Val Davis, the church rallied around and extended the "right hand of fellowship" to Rev. and Mrs. Henry Huddleston and their three children when they arrived on the island after their long trip from Limestone Maine on June 23. Rev. Huddleston conducted his first worship for us on Sunday, June 26th. You will be hearing more from him in the near future.

Keep in mind the Summer Fair on July 23rd at 11:00am. There will be a Lobster and chicken luncheon at noon. Everyone is welcome.

You are invited to join us at our morning worship on Sundays at 10:00 A.M.

St. Christopher Church

Congratulations to our thirteen High School Graduates. Peaks Island is very proud of each one. You have brought credit to our island by your hard earned diploma. The following are the graduates and the asterisk is for those receiving honors: Jeanne Alves, Roseann Conley*, Judy Curran, Jeff Davis*, William Flynn*,

David Foss, Dawn Hamilton, Roy Hambleton, Robert McTigue, Tammy Polk*, Peter Roberts*, Carol Spear*, and Catherine McCann* who graduated from Catherine McAuley High.

On Saturday, July 30 St. Christopher Fair will be held on the Church grounds with all kinds of attractions. The bid price this year are a trip for two on the Caribe, a hammock and a wagon grille. The gift table will have plants for sale as well as dolls crocheted articles. The candy table will have chances on boxed candy, fudge, homemade goodies, etc. The food table will be a great attraction with home-made bread and rolls as well as many sweets. Try your luck at the many tables.

Saint Christopher Trading post has many new items this year. There are plants, hand made dolls, paintings, dishes, pictures, cosmetics, and a brand new line of jewelry. Every Monday is for the children especially. On this day there are special grabs for boys and also the girls. A large doll bed furnished with sheets and pillow and a sleeping doll is on chances for the children. It is worthwhile to visit the shop.

The Art Contest for the children this year will be held on August 15. It is opened to all children from K through 12. The Theme this year is ISLE OF PEAKS. Saying it fast says I LOVE PEAKS. Some favorite spot on the island should be the topic of the picture presented at the center for art. The rules will be given to those who apply for entrance into the contest. Any media may be used provided it is used with care.

WORLD IN HER MAILBOX CONT.

For a few dollars annually she receives a lengthy listing of those throughout the world desiring correspondents and a description of each telling of their profession, hobbies, activities and interests. "Out of more than 45 contacts I have been disappointed only twice," she details. "A few connections have been suddenly terminated by severe illnesses and deaths, but each time I have quickly added a new replacement or received inquiries from those who found my name listed and decided to write."

Her retirement address proves fascinating to many as she now calls Peaks Island, Maine her home--forevermore! "People are intrigued by the thought of someone actually living on a small bit of land--yes--entirely surrounded by the sea."

They delight in hearing how she commutes by boat and the sometimes hindrances involved.

Her travel tour each month takes her to 8 spots in England, Wales, Scotland--on to Switzerland, West Germany, Czechoslovakia--then a jump to Zambia in Central Africa, Rhodesia (2 stops) Southern Africa, off to 5 locations in Australia and 8 more in New Zealand. On the way back she stops twice in Winnipeg, Canada and makes a few more calls across the United States.

Although cooking is one of her many hobbies, contributing goodies to the new Meals-on-Wheels program and preparing the evening meal for an elderly neighbor, she found recipe swaps difficult due to foreign directions given in ounces rather than cups and spoonfuls. Despite careful use of her Weight Watchers scale--they just didn't

jive. Knitting and crocheting pattern exchange works out better although one person was stumped when she mentioned a granny square. (One of our commonest afghan patterns.) She enclosed a sample in her next letter. The husband of one writer does rug hooking and she exchanges colored photos of her rugs with this pair. Land have been filled with plans for the Queen's Jubilee and 2 pals have promised to relate their on-the-spot coverage. Last year they kept her busy telling of America's Bicentennial celebrations, our Indians and covered bridges, which seem to be a special bit of Americana.

In between her daily letter writing--several handwritten pages to U.S. pals--one single spaced, typed both sides page to foreign exchangees, she is reading constantly in order to learn more about each country on her list. Every magazine and book encountered seems to contain mention of somewhere she 'has been'. An ardent follower of King Arthur tales, she acquired an English penpal who lives near his fabled castle and carefully details the surroundings delightfully. A couple in New Zealand moves from 'station to station' as the husband works at milking cows with machinery powered by underground steam. Hearing of a better situation with higher wages, they resettle and the wife colors in their new surroundings for Peg. Another correspondent there, living on a sheep farm, was forced to stop in the middle of a word when the skies suddenly cascaded torrential rains without warning and she was forced to dash out to rescue the tiny new lambs. Her letter, with much added excitement, was finished several days later.

This letter exchange habit proved a real lifeline at the time of Peg's divorce. The brightness and gaiety of her friends, their concern and continual visits to her mailbox kept her going through the difficult months of adjustments--confirming her sometimes wavering belief that life could and would be bright and beautiful once more. In turn, she was able to offer strength and courage to an African correspondent facing the same problem later. "It's been a world wide education in so many ways," she praises, "and like a perpetual Christmas--finding wonderful letters every day, little gifts and tokens of friendship. Overseas letters cost 31¢ each so I budget \$10-12 a month for my 'traveling expenses'. Actually it has been worth a fortune!"

There are no lonely moments in her busy days and her cozy apartment spills forth with evidences of her handiwork, skills, paintings and calendars from around the world. All her correspondence is done in English although multi-linguaged people are available. She tried writing to a woman in Algiers, employing her French, but it proved more of a hassle than a pleasure. "However, most of my pals do write 'with an accent'," she points out. "Their colloquialisms make their messages so colorful!" She sends the foreign stamps along to a young penpal she found through the local Clearing House newspaper column. An orderly file for each pal is set up and subjects discussed are carefully noted in order to avoid repetition. Each writer, however, comes up with different questions and discussion topics.

Peg's interest is a mind expanding delight with daily excitement in each mail delivery providing provocative discussions of endless subjects. Never wearied by her miles of travel, she is always ready to take off again--to anywhere--at the mere drop of a pen!

By Ruth Sargent



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Greetings From The Casco Bay Health Center

Beware of the sun!!!

Finally we have sunshine - isn't it great? But we sometimes forget that the heavenly warmth can burn badly without you realizing it, especially on hazy or overcast days.

So what to do?

1. Prevention is the key -- initial gradual exposure is vital. Don't do it all at once, and use a good ray screening lotion. Start out sunbathing before 10:00 am and after 4:00 pm.
2. For burns - get out of the sun. Cold applications to burned areas every 20 minutes for 4-24 hours. Use a face cloth or a towel, according to the size of the area burned, dipped in cold water with ice cubes. This relieves pain, reduces heat and helps prevent blisters. If blisters occur, DO NOT POP THEM!! They should be washed carefully

with peroxide. Rest in a cool place. Drink plenty of cool water, and watch for signs of infection. Wear loose clothing to cover burns if it is necessary to go out. Avoid exposure to the sun until acute period subsides. Seek medical help if complications arise.
Happy Beaching!!

SUNSTROKE -- cause: prolonged exposure to high temperature and sunshine, usually occurring on the second day of a heat wave.

Sudden onset -- weakness, anxious, listness, headaches, dizziness, loss of appetite, nausea, chest distress, decreased sweating with dry, hot skin which is flushed.

May have muscular cramps or convulsions.

Treat immediately -- Ice water bath until temperature comes down to 101°, not below. Check respirations and temp-

erature every 10 min. Keep patient in bed in cool, well ventilated room with a fan flowing toward the patient. Massage skin vigorously and continuously. Contact medical help whenever necessary.

HOW ABOUT A WALK IN THE COOL WOODS?

Fine, but watch for poison ivy and sumac!! Pretty but treacherous. They both cause a severe rash with itching-- a red, itchy rash with small oozing blisters. The rash can occur anywhere on the body. And you don't have to touch the plant! If your dog was walking with you and you fondly ruffled his fur, he can pass it on to you!!

Consistant care is important:
1. Immerse in hot water initially, a hot shower or bath with a strong soap will do. Keep towels separate!

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HEALTH CENTER-CONT.

2. Baking soda paste or bath will be a comfort. So will Calamine or Caladryl lotion. Apply to areas often.
3. For weeping areas, warm salt and water soaks, three times a day. (1 tablespoon salt to 1 quart of water)
4. Seek medical help if itching becomes very bothersome or if a great deal of swelling occurs around the face or other parts of the body. Medication prescribed by a doctor can be helpful in reducing the swelling and controlling the itch.

ANOTHER TIP FOR THOSE INSECT BITES!

For mosquito, black fly or other insect bites or bee stings, make a paste made from unseasoned Adolph meat tenderizer and a little water. This will provide great relief. Try it!!

Marge Erico
Bette Gaman

We are scheduling a Red Cross Cardio - Pulmonary Resuscitation class on Monday and Tuesday evenings, August 22nd and 23rd. This is a most important skill to know - you could save someones life! The Red Cross volunteers will also be demonstrating the technique used for choking emergencies. If you are interested in this two night session, please call the Health Center. If you are interested in renewing your CPR cards, you may do so at this time also.

I have had several calls regarding veterinarian services on Peaks Island. In case you missed the last issue of the Times, a private veterinarian will come to the island as needed to take care of your pets. Someone has offered a room to use, so if you are interested in this service, please call me, because I am getting ready to schedule the first visit.

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Mayo puts on a unique show in which he gives a running humorous commentary while at the same time painting and framing a picture which is then auctioned off to the audience for the benefit of the sponsors - the CBIDA and Fifth Maine Association.

Mayo may be able to give Peaks Island some ideas about controlling litter by making a fun project out of dump art. He says that National Dump Week begins on the forth of July and ends on Labor Day. During that first week, Kennebunk has a dump parade and elects a "Miss Dumpy". Perhaps we can get him to bring her along too!

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The World Affairs Council Of Maine

The World Affairs Council of Maine is a recently formed group converted from the Peaks Island Conference Center Corp., owners of Battery Steele which was donated by the CBIDA.

The Council, one of forty-five such groups throughout the country, has as its aim the development of programs and projects relating to national and international foreign policy, and the exchange of people to people programs for better world understanding.

It's former objective was associated with the eventual development of Battery Steele for peaceful purposes. This objective has not been abandoned, but instead placed on the back burner in favor of program development. Thus, Battery Steele will become a

resource rather than a primary objective.

Mrs. Eva Horton, president of Kristia Assoc., importers of Norwegian wood burning stoves, is the dynamic new president of WACOM. Purposely only four island property owners are on the council - Howard Heller, Joe Grey, John Johnson and Bea Chapman - so that strength and interest may be drawn from the wider community of Portland and surrounding areas. This is the group that will continue to sponsor the annual U.N. Ball in October, and various international exchange programs for both adults and students.

The full board of directors will meet at the Inn on Peaks on July 26th.

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The families of Lawrence Tebbets Jr. of Westfield, N.J. and Richard Tebbets of Southboro, Mass. held "open house" for their parents Larry and Debbie Tebbets who retired to Peaks Island from Holliston Mass. twelve years ago. The occasion - their 50th wedding anniversary!

It was a perfect day sandwiched in between unspeakable ones. About 135-140 relatives and friends came to the Island and many neighbors dropped in to share in the festivities and listen to the Hammond organ. All enjoyed the music, the neighborliness, the most delicious refreshments and a beautiful 50th anniversary cake catered by Mrs. Dinsmore.

Relatives and friends came from Vt., N.H., Mass., N.J., and Florida. One of their seven grandchildren, Stephen Tebbets, who plays with the California Angels, couldn't make it, but he called from a rest stop on the road.

Debbie, formerly Debbra Thayer from Milton, Mass. worked with her husband in his manufacturing business and retired from the Christian Science Publishing Society after 20 happy years of service in the accounting department.

Larry Tebbets, born in Brocton, Mass. went to Mt. Herman School for Boys, Northeastern U. in Boston, and graduated from Bentley College. He was in the manufacturing business until his health failed, he then went to work in the outdoors and then got into restoring antique homes. After retiring to Peaks Island he began to paint pictures of the beauty of Casco Bay and Portland from his front porch.

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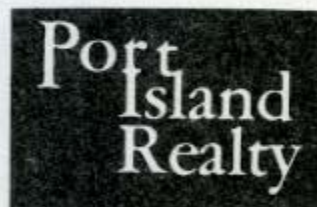
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-- PRESIDENT CARTER HASN'T SAID NO --

A response has been recieved by Stanley R. Williamson, president of CBIDA, from the White House indicating that the invitation for the President to visit the Casco Bay islands for a downeast clambake has been filed with the scheduling staff. No positive commitment was made, but CBIDA has received encouraging support from Senators Muskie and Hathaway who have actively urged the President to consider this invitation with high priority.

CBIDA

The following is a letter to the President from Sen. Muskie:

"Dear Mr. President:

"Members of the Casco Bay Island Development Assoc. Inc., have shared with me a copy of their May 12th letter to you extending a cordial invitation for you to visit Casco Bay, Maine in the near future."

"As you know, we "Down-Easteners" are a breed apart. But, Maine's island residents are a breed within a breed! Their rugged independence, strong sense of community and strong spirit of self-help have always epitomized the best of Maine character."

"I know that a visit by you would be not only warmly received, but would afford you an opportunity to see first hand many fine examples of community cooperation."

"I have been an eager participant in several projects undertaken by the CBIDA and can testify to the warm hospitality you would receive. I hope you will seriously consider their invitation and, if you are able to accept, I would be delighted to assist in making appropriate arrangements for your visit."

"I know they will look forward to hearing from you."

With best wishes

Sincerely (signed)
Edmund S. Muskie
U.S. Senator

And from Senator Hathaway:

"Thank you for your letter of the 12th with enclosed copy of your letter to the President inviting him to visit the Casco Bay Islands."

"I appreciate your advising me that you have sent the invitation to the President, and I have contacted his staff regarding the matter."

Sincerely

(signed) William B. Hathaway

The invitation to the President includes a trip down the bay to greet residents at docks, a visit to the Civil War Memorial Buildings on Peaks, the World War II Batteries, and a Lions Club Clambake at Greenwood Gardens.

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- July 30 Peaks Island Sidewalk Art Show
- August 10 Reception for Mario Cooper, Dale Myers
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